AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0002] as follows:

[0002] The subject matter of this application is related to the subject matter in co-pending non-provisional applications by the same inventors as the instant application entitled, "Method and Apparatus to Facilitate Sharing Instruction Code in a Multitasking Virtual Machine," having serial number ~~TO BE ASSIGNED~~10/043,801, and filing date ~~TO BE ASSIGNED~~10 January 2002 (Attorney Docket No. SUN-P6119-RSH) and "Method and Apparatus for Class Initialization Barriers and Access to Class Variables in Multitasking Virtual Machines," having serial number ~~TO BE ASSIGNED~~09/975,145, and filing date ~~TO BE ASSIGNED~~9 October 2001 (Attorney Docket No. SUN-P6120-RSH).

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